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Georgia DOT to Host Industry Workshop for New P3 Program

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation will host an industry workshop in support of its new Public Private Partnership (P3) program on Thursday, December 3. The workshop will provide members of the transportation industry with a comprehensive overview of Georgia's new program, including its goals, new regulatory framework, project priorities and anticipated timeframes for next steps.

"We recognize that the success of our P3 program relies on our ability to engage and interest the local, national and international transportation communities," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. "We view this workshop as the first step in an ongoing effort to do just that. Fostering an open dialog with our industry partners is critical to advancing a P3 program that will help meet Georgia's long-term transportation needs."

Smith added, "Georgia is taking a highly programmatic approach to P3s. The pipeline of projects we expect to deliver through P3 will all be managed through a solicited procurement process. This allows us to prioritize needs, set schedules that we can effectively manage, and make available the appropriate resources to ensure our partnerships are successful."

The industry workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m., until 2 p.m., December 3, at the Georgia Freight Depot in Downtown Atlanta. It will feature presentations on the regulatory framework within which P3 projects will operate, the planning process for P3 projects and an overview of planned projects. Industry representatives also may make arrangements for private, more comprehensive P3 discussions with Georgia DOT staff. For more information on the event, and to register, visit Georgia DOT's new P3 site at www.georgiaP3.com. A link is available under the Events section on the main page.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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